



North Carolina Department of Transportation

CAMPO: Complete 540 Presentation

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Presentation Topics

- Background:
 - Public Meetings & Hearings
 - Results of Most Recent Public Comment Period
- NCDOT's Recommended Preferred Alternative
- Project Next Steps
- Complete 540 Tolls
- Project Schedule



Public Meetings and Hearings

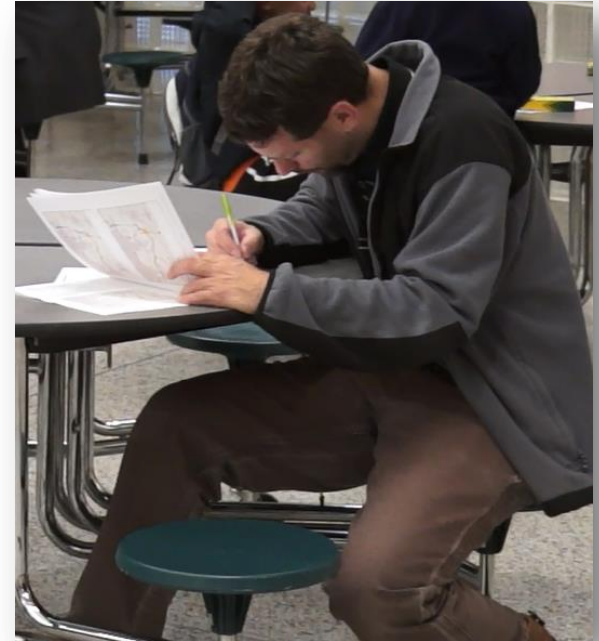


- Public Meetings held Dec. 2015, Oct. 2013 and Sept. and Dec. 2010
- Dec. 2015: Held in three evenings – three locations; just over 1,000 attendees



Results of Most Recent Public Comment Period

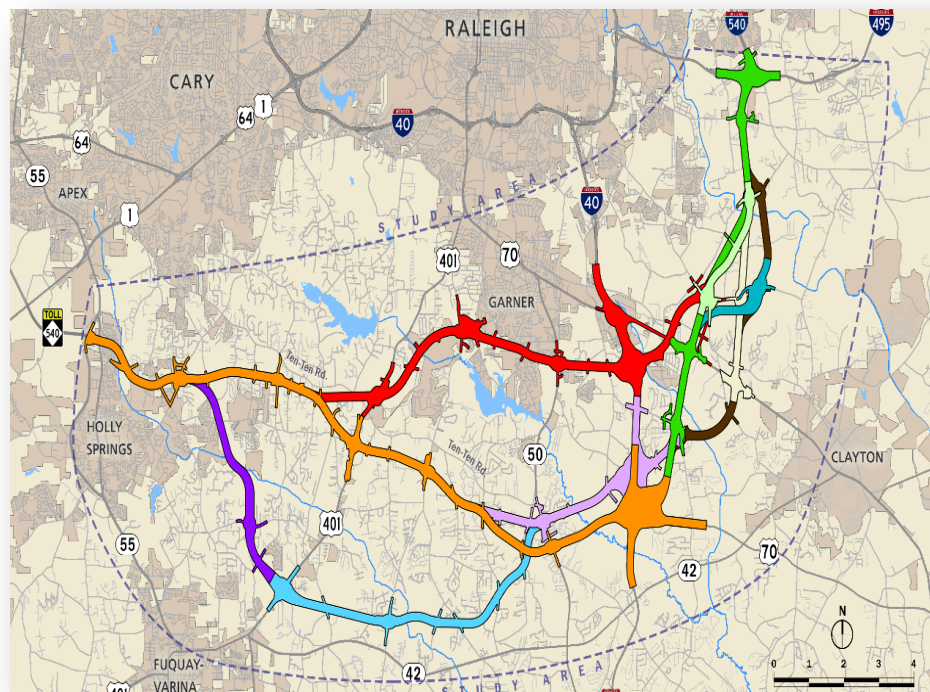
- Overwhelming support for the Orange Corridor
- Opposition to the Red, Lilac and Purple/Blue Corridors
- Support for the Green Corridor
- Mirrors previous public comment



Results of Most Recent Public Comment Period

Summary of Local Governments

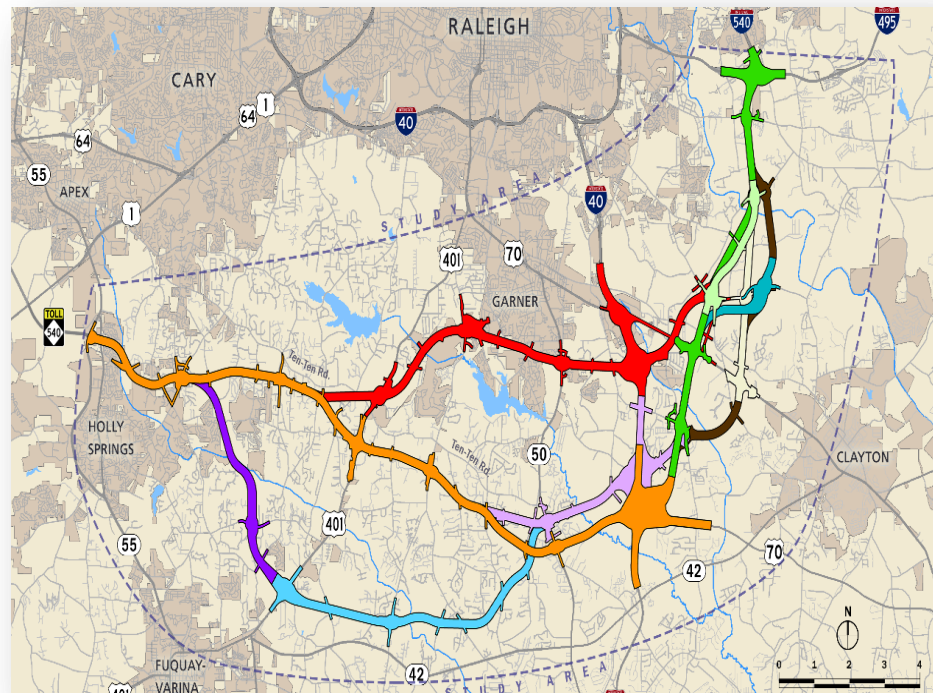
- Unanimous Support for the Orange Corridor from Holly Springs, Garner, Fuquay-Varina, Wake County, Raleigh, Benson, Wake County Mayors' Association and CAMPO (Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization)
- Opposition to Purple/Blue by Wake County
- Opposition to Red by Garner, Raleigh and Wake County
- Opposition to Lilac by Garner, Raleigh and Wake County



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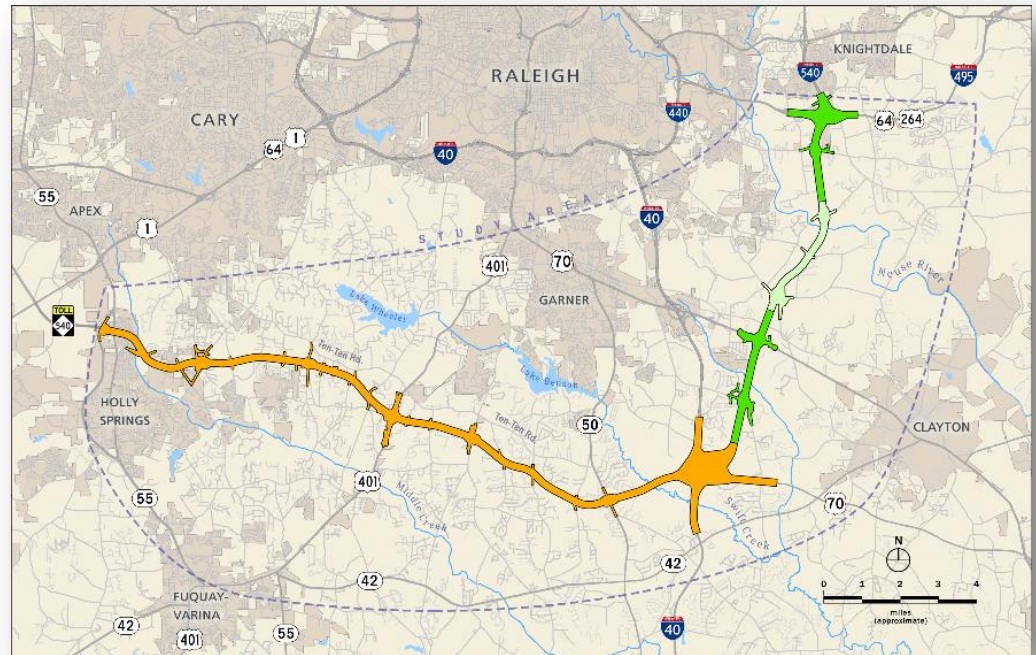
- Support for Mint by Raleigh
- Support for Green by Wake County
- Opposition to Green and Brown by Raleigh
- Opposition to Tan by Raleigh, Wake County and Johnston County



Recommended Preferred Alternative

*NCDOT staff recommends Alternative 2 as the Preferred Alternative:
(Orange Green Mint Green)*

- Is formally supported by all local governments;
- Minimizes the number of relocations of homes and businesses, compared to other alternatives;
- Avoids impacts to the Swift Creek Watershed critical area (a source for Raleigh's drinking water);
- Avoids the Clemmons Educational State Forest;
- Avoid impacts to historic resources; and
- Minimally affects only one local park.



Project Next Steps

- Winter 2016: Interagency coordination
 - NCDOT will work with federal and state environmental agency partners to select the official Preferred Alternative.
- Winter/Spring 2016: Preparation of the Preferred Alternative Report
 - This report explains what NCDOT and FHWA are presenting as their Preferred Alternative.
 - Developing this report includes: summary of comments from the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and public meetings and further coordination with agency partners
- Spring 2016: Public announcement of the Preferred Alternative



Project Next Steps

Pre-construction steps

- Coordinate with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to address potential effects of the project on the Dwarf Wedgemussel
- Update Traffic Forecast
- Analyze Quantitative Indirect & Cumulative Impacts & Effects
 - NCDOT will look at the effects of the project beyond the road's footprint including how this will affect the people, environment and future of the area with or without the project.
- Final Environmental Impact Statement
- Record of Decision



Next Steps for Homeowners

- It is too early to say exactly which homes or businesses might be impacted along the route.
- There are still many study and design steps ahead for the corridor, once approved.
- Efforts to reduce current estimates of impacts to homes (271) and businesses (6) will continue throughout final design.
- NCDOT will host public meetings and notify impacted home and business owners directly once the final design is available.



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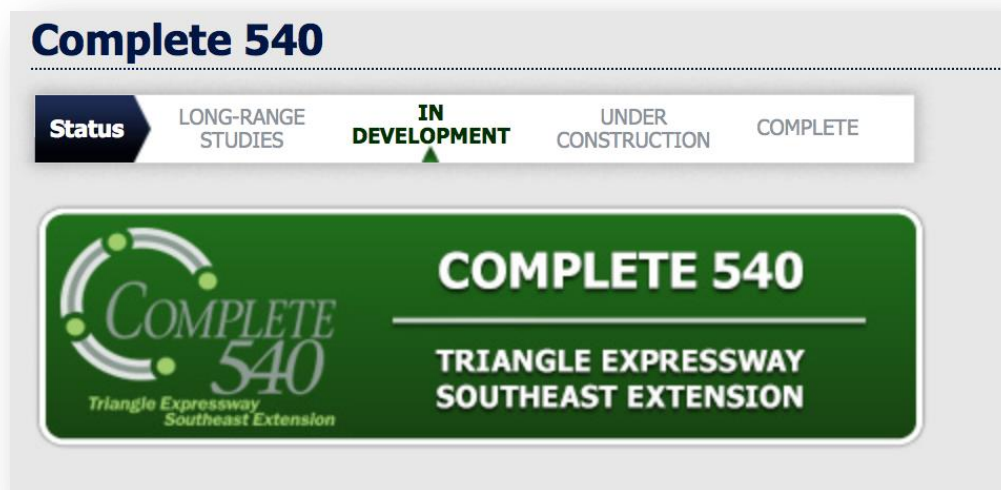
- Final route selection comes with the Federal Highway Administration's issuance of the Record of Decision (ROD).
- The process can begin after the ROD: NCDOT will be in communication with homeowners and a right of way agent will let them know if/how the property is affected.
- The process cannot begin until project is let: 2017 at the earliest.



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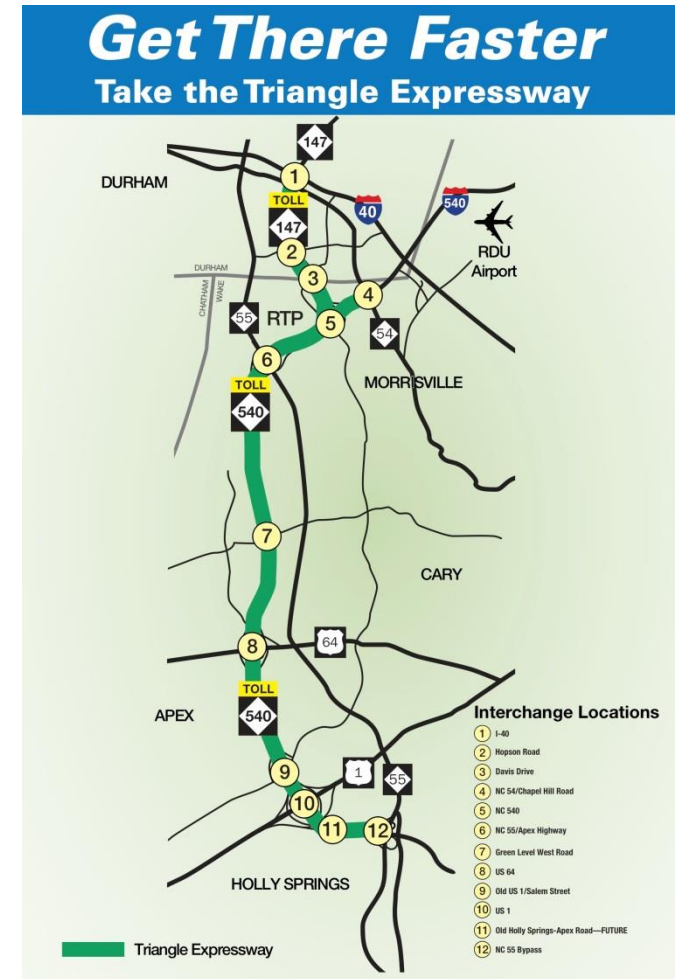
If you have questions, contact NCDOT:

- **Project Hotline:** (800) 554-7849
- **Email:** complete540@ncdot.gov
- **Website:** www.ncdot.gov/projects/complete540/



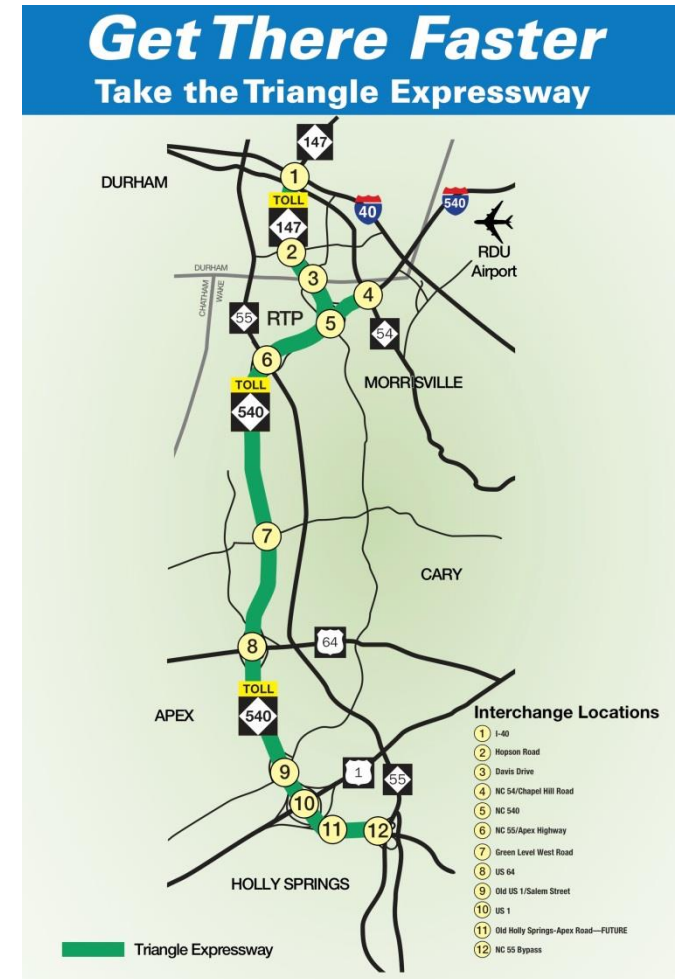
Tolling Complete 540

- Included in CAMPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
- Eligible for bonus allocation as part of Strategic Transportation Investments (STI)
- Will operate as part of Tri-Ex



Tolling Complete 540

- Tolling will function as it does now in Tri-Ex
- Estimated cost: 17-30 cents per mile
- In 2035, assuming the Complete 540 project is built and open to traffic, p.m. peak period Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) decreases by 26 percent and p.m. peak period vehicle hours traveled (VHT) decreases by 30 percent.



Project Schedule

Preferred Alternative SelectionSpring 2016

Final EIS ApprovedTo Be Determined

Record of Decision PublishedTo Be Determined

Construction Contract Awarded for R-2721
(NC 55 Bypass to U.S. 401)Fiscal Year 2017- 2018



Project Schedule

STIP Project Number	STIP Funding Begins
R-2721 - NC 55 (South) to US 401	FY 2017/2018
R-2828 - US 401 to I-40	FY 2024/2025
R-2829 - I-40 to US 64 / US 264 Bypass	Beyond FY 2025



Questions?

